

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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John J. Kenny)
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Serial No.: **Unassigned**)
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Filing Date: **June 23, 2003**)
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Title: **System and Method for Increasing**)
 Upstream Communication Efficiency)
 in an Optical Network)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Monday, June 23, 2003

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-styled patent application, which is a divisional of the parent patent application filed on August 28, 2002 and assigned U.S. Application Serial No. 10/230,322 on behalf of the inventor John J. Kenny, please amend the application as shown below and consider the appended remarks.

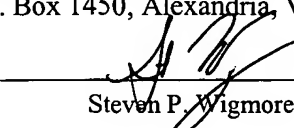
AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following paragraph:

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